



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Waccamaw High

Georgetown

Grades: 9-12

Principal: TBA

Superintendent: Dr. H. Randall Dozier

Board Chair: Mr. Joe M. Crosby

Enrollment: 732

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Good	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Excellent	Good	Gold	Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	4	1	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	92.7%	92.1%	83.7%	91.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	5.6%	6.3%	10.2%	5.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	1.7%	1.6%	6.1%	4.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	97.5%	96.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

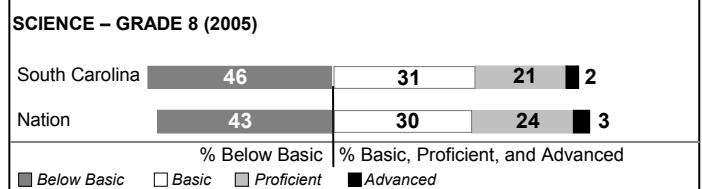
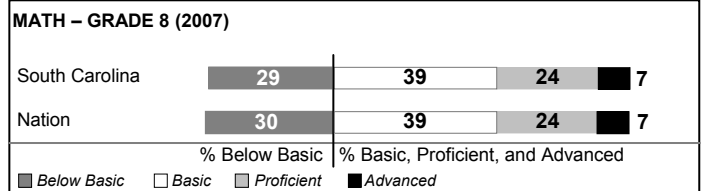
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	182	258
Number of Diplomas	155	210
Rate (%)	85.2%	81.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	78.7%	80.3%
English 1	76.7%	79.8%
Physical Science	71.2%	65.2%
All Tests	74.9%	74.0%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=732)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Up from 3.0%	3.9%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.6%	96.1%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	34.2%	Up from 24.9%	14.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	10.5%	Up from 7.6%	10.4%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Down from 1.0%	1.1%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.9%	Up from 14.9%	29.9%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	61.5%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	37.8%	Up from 37.0%	48.2%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	1.8%	No Change	1.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.7%	Down from 2.1%	0.0%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	306	Down from 315	507	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	85.3%	Down from 89.2%	85.9%	79.6%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.7%	Up from 62.2%	66.3%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	69.6%	Down from 80.0%	69.6%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	5.1%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.2%	Down from 92.6%	88.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 96.1%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$47,281	Up 1.9%	\$48,124	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.7%	2.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.4 to 1	Down from 27.7 to 1	25.4 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.3%	Down from 88.9%	90.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,280	Down 3.7%	\$7,280	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	53.1%	Down from 53.4%	55.7%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	57.7%	Down from 58.0%	59.8%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average
% of AYP objectives met	88.9%		94.1%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	148	37
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	80.3%	91.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.7%	79.7%	89.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	87.0%	83.8%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

For the seventh year in a row, Waccamaw High received a Palmetto Gold Award based on the State of South Carolina School Report Card. The school is a Red Carpet School award winner, was named the Student Council of the Year for the fourth consecutive year, and won the prestigious Palmetto's Finest School Award in 2008. Students are provided a challenging curriculum that includes seven Advanced Placement offerings, six PACE - Program for Accelerated College Enrollment, Honors, College Prep, and Tech Prep, SAT/ACT Prep programs, and is now an International Baccalaureate school.

WHS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our focal point continues to be student academic achievement through the research-based work of Robert Marzano, in the area of best practices and Differentiated Instruction. The school continues to monitor and examine data to use for planning instruction and to meet the needs of all students. Many of our teachers have completed the training for the International Baccalaureate Program, and 78.6% of the teaching staff have advanced degrees. Our Teaching and Learning System is a framework to assist teachers in aligning SC State Standards, assessing students' mastery of objectives, identifying areas of concern and completed objectives.

For 2007, the SAT composite scores were 1017, and the ACT Average was 20.7, which places our school at above the District, State and National averages. Ninety-seven percent of our students passed the HSAP on the first attempt (97.3/ELA, 96.2%/Math). Just under 38% percent of the senior class qualified for Life Scholarships. Their entire class's scholarships totaled 3.69 million dollars. WHS students participate in numerous extra-curricular, co-curricular, service projects, and community organizations. In 2007-2008, our athletic teams have won 10 Region Championships, two State Championships, and one State Runner-Up. Our Band, Art, Drama, and Choral Departments continue to shine with awards and commendations. The Competitive Cheer Team finished tenth in state competition. The academic teams have also excelled at district, regional, state, and national competitions. There is a strong link between Waccamaw High School and the community; and we will continue to nurture this unique partnership.

Kirk Carlson, SIC Chair

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